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June 25, 2007

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
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From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE**

**State Criminal Alien Assistance Program**

On June 21, 2007, the County's Sheriff's Department was notified that its Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) payment is approximately \$10.5 million, which is significantly below the County's FFY 2005 SCAAP payment of \$12.5 million. This reduction is unexpected, considering that the County's FFY 2005 SCAAP payment was reduced by approximately \$2.8 million for an audit exception from a prior year, and that overall SCAAP payments nationally increased by about \$46.6 million (or 16.2 percent).

My staff has begun to work with the Sheriff's Department to explore whether the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), which administers SCAAP, has made errors in calculating FFY 2006 SCAAP awards. We believe that one major error is that overall SCAAP payments increased by only \$46.6 million even though SCAAP appropriations for FFY 2006 were increased by \$99 million. The County's Washington, D.C. advocates have informed our Congressional delegation that it appears that the OJP has applied a rescission to unobligated FFY 2006 SCAAP funds even though it previously told various members of our delegation and House Appropriations Committee staff that a rescission would not be applied.

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H.J. Res. 20, the FFY 2007 Continuing Resolution includes language providing that \$109,000,000 of unobligated balances from prior year appropriations for OJP shall be rescinded no later than September 30, 2007. In January 2007, after we saw this rescission language, we alerted our Congressional delegation to the potential risk that OJP might apply a rescission to FFY 2006 SCAAP appropriations because it had not yet awarded (obligated) any of the \$400 million in FFY 2006 SCAAP appropriations. Such a rescission should not be applied because OJP already should have made FFY 2006 SCAAP payments, considering that the deadline for submitting FFY 2006 SCAAP claims was April 11, 2006 and that the time delay in SCAAP payments was unprecedented. In response to our concerns, our delegation received assurances from OJP that a rescission would not be applied to any FFY 2006 SCAAP funds. The County's Washington, D.C. advocates currently are working with our delegation and others to ensure that OJP awards all of the FFY 2006 SCAAP funds, as previously promised.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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c: All Department Heads  
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